

July was dullish. Only the Senate's official execution of medicare livened things up. The dullness was mostly because elections throughout the country took some of the spotlight off Washington. Faubus' victory over Alford and Fulbright's impressive but hard won renomination were two examples.

August perked along. Harris' Commerce Committee locked the barn door on Thalidomide. Kennedy dumped John Cross from the Federal Communications Commission in favor of Tennessean E. William Henry. Arkansas had the nation's biggest one-year jump (8 per cent) in per capita income. Mills squelched an Administration tax cut that had built up considerable momentum.

As the year turned the corner of September, the University of Arkansas's Schola Cantorum returned in triumph with an international title from Italy and sang in the White House rose garden. Mills' secretary was attacked on a Capitol Hill street and McClellan absolved the Agriculture Department's top rung of any Billie Sol Estes wrongdoing.

Arkansas was in the midst of October's top events—the Cuban crisis and adjournment of Congress. Mills dotted the i on his trade bill achievement with final House passage over mild State Department exceptions. Fulbright was called back from strenuous campaigning, against the strongest Republican threat ever, to counsel with the President over the momentous Cuban situation. McClellan published his memoirs as the Senate's chief inquisitor.

In the dying of the year this month Mills again put his foot down on a tax cut but didn't stomp it and Gathings started to seek a way back to health for the seriously ill cotton industry. Both postures cast shadows of things to come.

If the past is prologue, 1963 ought to see another Arkansas diary fat with Washington entries, an impressive record in the immediate history of men and nations.